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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Loftus E. Becker
Deputy Director-Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency

Subject: Request for Financial Information concerning
the CIA Research Program

PSB is conducting a survey of the social science research which has a potential value to political and economic warfare. Among other things, this survey is attempting to determine the financial magnitude of the effort. [REDACTED] PSB has talked at some length with Dr. Millikan of your agency concerning the ORR program. However, he does not have accurate fiscal data. I would appreciate it very much if you could give us the answers to the following questions:

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- (a) In fiscal year 1952, what was the total research budget of ORR? How much of the total was performed within CIA? How much was contracted to other government agencies? How much was contracted to non-profit organizations? How much was contracted to commercial organizations?
- (b) In fiscal year 1952, how much was spent on economic research? How much was spent studying the Soviet Orbit? (These two are not mutually exclusive.)
- (c) Of the total described in (a) above, how much was spent studying targets? How much in studying weapons and weapons' effects? How much in evaluating past action? How much in basic or methodological research?

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I realize that it might well be difficult to answer these questions accurately, and we will be satisfied with the best estimates you can give us quickly. [REDACTED] will be available for discussion if required.

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Lofty:

[REDACTED] He has been concentrating on this study and working on it with the Bureau of the Budget. The figures requested have been obtained from the other government research agencies and these will fill out the picture. Millikan gave some rough figures but without checking--too rough to use.

Thanks.

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